

Spring Lettuce: Acreage and Production

| Crop Year | Acreage | | Yield Per Acre | Production |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Planted | Harvested | | |
| | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Cwt.</u> | <u>1,000 Cwt.</u> |
| 1970 | 3,400 | 3,000 | 140 | 420 |
| 1975 | 1,400 | 1,200 | 135 | 162 |
| 1980 | 700 | 700 | 180 | 126 |
| 1985 | 2,000 | 1,600 | 220 | 352 |
| 1990 | 700 | 600 | 185 | 111 |
| 1993 | 900 | 900 | 300 | 270 |
| 1994 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 140 | 140 |
| 1995 | 900 | 900 | 325 | 293 |
| 1996 | 1,000 | 900 | 210 | 189 |
| 1997 | 1,400 | 1,100 | 310 | 341 |
| 1998 | 3,100 | 2,100 | 254 | 533 |

LETTUCE: Spring lettuce production in 1998 soared to 533,000 hundredweight, the largest crop since 1983. Harvested acreage climbed to 2,100 acres in anticipation of widespread losses due to rains in western production areas. The fall crop was off 20 percent to 207,000 hundredweight as a result of both reduced acreage and lower average yields. The value of total lettuce output for the year was only \$6.9 million, less than half the 1997 value, due to the disappointing \$9.35 per hundredweight yearly average price.

Total Lettuce: Acreage, Yield, and Production by County

| County | Acreage | | | | Yield Per Acre | | Production ^{1/} | |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | Planted | | Harvested | | | | | |
| | -----Acres----- | | | | -----Cwt.----- | | -----1,000 Cwt.----- | |
| | <u>1997</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1998</u> |
| Doña Ana | 2,200 | 4,100 | 1,850 | 2,700 | 300 | 255 | 555 | 689 |
| Luna, Sierra | 200 | 200 | 150 | 200 | 300 | 255 | 45 | 51 |
| STATE | 2,400 | 4,300 | 2,000 | 2,900 | 300 | 255 | 600 | 740 |

^{1/}May not sum due to rounding.